



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: RICARDO BLANK et al.

Appln. No.: 10/701,698

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For: CONNECTOR DEVICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed February 21, 2007, and with the request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 filed simultaneously herewith, Applicants respectfully submit this paper comprising the following parts:

- I. **Listing of Claims**, beginning on page 2; and
- II. **Remarks**, beginning on page 8.